Unit 3: The Bill of Rights

Essential Questions:

* What is the importance of the Bill of Rights in modern day society? How are they still relevant?
* Which amendments are the most universally accepted, which are still controversial?
* Are the rights in the Bill of Rights absolute? Should some rights be limited and if so, why?
* The Constitution is considered a living documentbecause it has the flexibility to adapt to a changing society; what are the formal and informal ways in which the Constitution is amended to meet the needs of the nation?

Textbook: 3-3, 4-1, and 4-2

Know these key terms and their significance:

Establishment Clause:

Free Exercise Clause:

Libel and slander:

Due process:

Lemon Test:

Symbolic speech:

Probable cause and reasonable suspicion:

Double jeopardy:

Self-incrimination:

Be able to explain:

-All ten amendments of the Bill of Rights

-How freedoms are limited in the Bill of Rights (limits on free speech, freedom of religion, students’ rights, etc.)

-Briefly explain the significance of each of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments